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([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2, 3, 4 & 5.

6. Reference 1 (US Patent 6,798,872 B1) is an English language counterpart of Reference 3.

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